

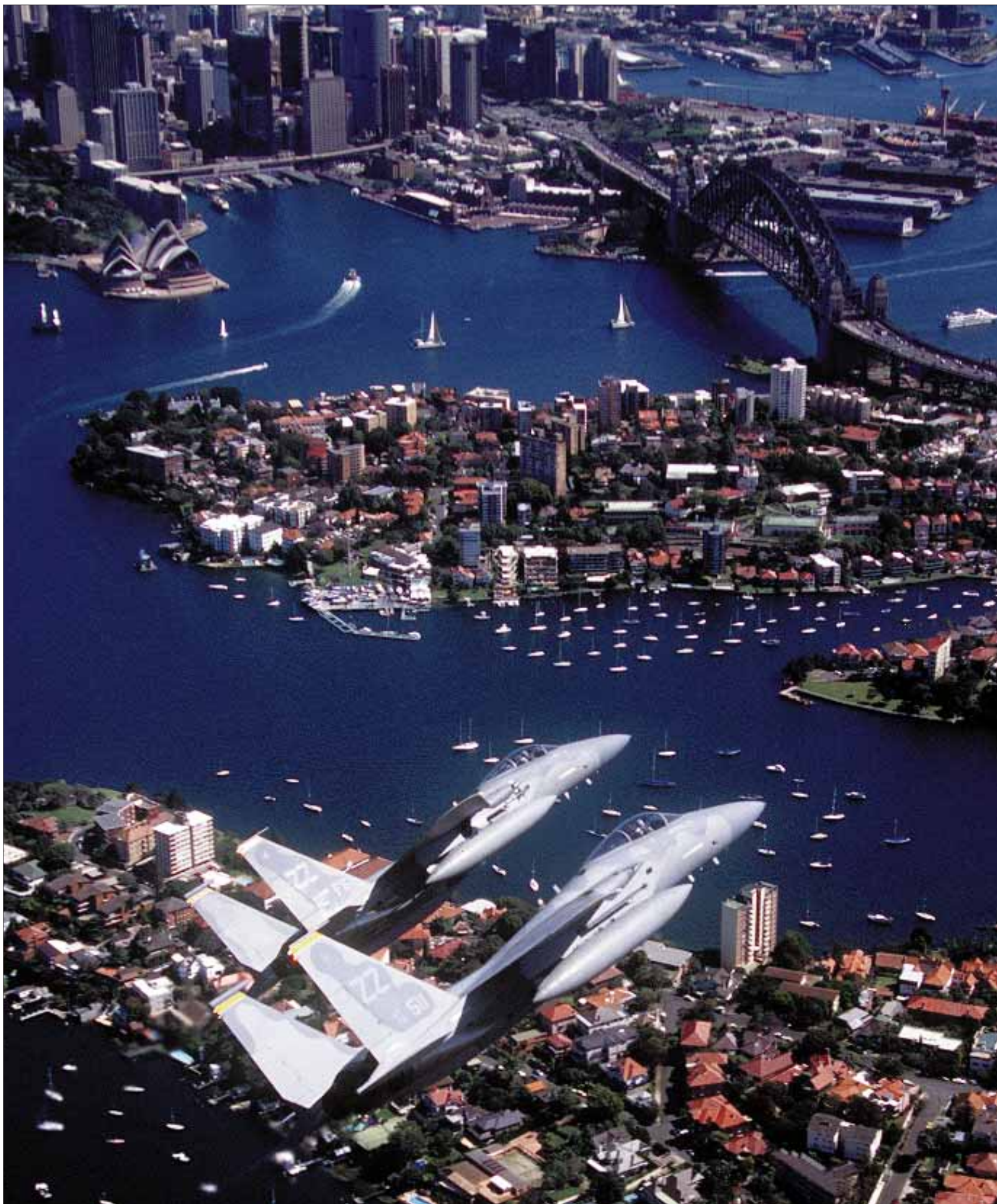
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12th FS Down Under

Crocodile '99 in Australia is 12th Fighter Squadron's final deployment from Kadena
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Eagles over Australia

F-15Cs from Kadena Air Base's 12th Fighter Squadron fly above Sydney

By Master Sgt. Stefanie Doner
18th Air Expeditionary Group

NEWCASTLE, Australia – More than a dozen overlapping voices erupt from the pilot's lounge in excited bursts. Inside, arms wave in all directions as hands communicate in the sign language of fighter pilots what words alone can't convey. A short while ago they were in the air maneuvering their high performance jets against one another in mock combat. Now back on earth, still feeling the adrenaline rush, the only difference between them is their uniforms – one group U.S. Air Force and the other Royal Australian Air Force.

As Crocodile 99 draws to a close, the F-15 pilots of Kadena's 12th Fighter squadron and the F/A-18 drivers from the RAAF's No. 3 Squadron at RAAF Williamtown shared thoughts, experiences and lessons learned in the large force employment exercise, or LFE. For eight days, the pilots flew two missions per day, eight to 10 aircraft per mission. Only two flights were scrubbed for poor weather. One group served as the enemy, or the red force, and the other as the defenders, or blue force. Some battles saw Americans pitted against the Aussies. Other engagements mixed the forces pairing groups of F-15s and F/A-18s against an opposing group of F-15s and F/A-18s.

"The F-18 pilots were really good. Their ba-

Crocodile '99

American, Australian pilots hone combat skills



Photo by Master Sgt. Stefanie Doner

Kadena crew chiefs clean the windows of their F-15s at the Royal Australian Air Force Williamtown, Australia, during Crocodile 99.

sic fighter maneuvers are excellent," said 1st Lt. Steve Frank, 12th FS pilot. "We went out as a four-ship package – two F-15s and two F-18s. It was the kind of dissimilar aircraft training we just can't get at Kadena. We fought for 45 minutes - it was awesome."

The large-force employment exercise involved a package of eight or more aircraft launched against an opposing force of equal or greater strength. The 12th FS hasn't participated in an LFE of this magnitude in two years.

"The 12th is the most experienced fighter squadron based on the number of instructor pilots we have in our ranks and the number of flying hours we have, but we don't often get the chance to do LFEs. Our last LFE was Cope Thunder in Alaska, but we didn't have as many aircraft committed to that exercise as we had here," said Capt. Ellis Prescott, who underscored the importance of this type of training.

"This is how we go to war - not as two ships, but in as large a force as possible," he said. "Flying one on one, or even two versus two, is relatively easy. When you start in with four to eight ships against that many or more, it is not a straight level of intensity. The complexity level increases exponentially. The sky gets very crowded."

According to Prescott, the fighters fly two types of missions – offensive and defensive counter air.

During Crocodile 99, the 12th will participate in 10 LFEs each week, two per day, during the last two weeks of the exercise. Half of those will be DCA and the other half OCA. In addition, the

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Incentive rides let airmen experience life in the cockpit

By Master Sgt. Stefanie Doner
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NEWCASTLE, Australia – For one group of enlisted people, Crocodile 99 offered a chance to see what it's like inside the cockpit when they took an incentive ride in an F-15.

"Incentive rides are a great way to recognize individuals whose performance goes above and beyond what's expected," said Lt. Col. Jim Pillar, 12th Fighter Squadron. "It's also a good opportunity for us to expose our maintenance and support folks to what it's like for the pilots. Most people have the Hollywood view of pilots, what they see in movies like Top Gun – kick the tires, light the fires and take off. Incentive rides let people see how serious we are about the job and what stresses we deal with, such as G-loading."

"I've got a greater respect for those pilots, for the training and

for what they go through to fly. I can't believe how heavy all the stuff they have to wear really is," said Master Sgt. Jim Cornell, 12th FS Support Section noncommissioned officer in charge. "The rides are a great vehicle for retention while helping us understand the job pilots have to do."

For Senior Airman Paul Delano, 12th FS weapons load crew chief, the incentive ride was a dream come true.

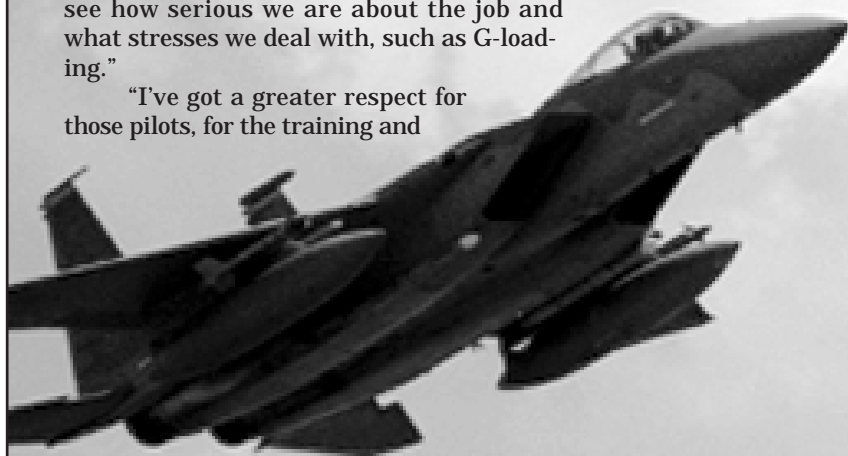
"I wanted this so bad," he said. "It was an awesome flight. Colonel Pillar made me feel right at home – I really had a great time. I couldn't have asked for a better flight or a better pilot."

"He did great," Pillar said. "In terms of how well he endured it, I'd put him in the 98 to 99 per-

centile. Since he was doing so well, I took him on a supersonic run and let him feel the G's, stepping him up gradually until we were pulling 7.8 G's. Then I showed him what it was like to be in a defensive basic fighter maneuver engagement so he could feel the turbulence. He loved it."

"I can't put the feeling into words," Delano said.

"Getting an incentive ride makes you feel more a part of the team. You get to see the whole process – not just your small part – from the briefing, to suiting up to the pre-flight checks through takeoff and the mission."



Photos by Master Sgt. Stefanie Doner

Senior Airman Paul Delano, 12th Fighter Squadron weapons load crew chief, can't wait for his F-15 incentive ride to get off the ground.

Cell phone use while driving off base illegal Monday

By Staff Sgt. Orville Desjarlais
Kadena Shogun editor

Beginning Monday, it'll be illegal to use cellular telephones and other electronic devices while driving off base in accordance with a new Japanese road traffic law.

The law also outlaws the use of mobile telephones, two-way radios, televisions and car navigation systems while people are operating a vehicle, according to 18th Security Forces Squadron officials.

"Basically, if there is an electronic device being used that could cause a driver to look away from the road, it'll probably be considered illegal to use while driving," said Master Sgt. Darrin Nicholson, 18th SFS police services NCO in charge.

"If a call comes in while you're driving off base, pull off to the side of the road safely, park legally, then answer the call, or have someone else in the vehicle answer the call," Nicholson suggested.

The only exception to the rule

is if drivers wish to call an emergency telephone number to report an accident or incident.

Last year, 2,648 accidents with injuries were blamed on drivers using cellular telephones. Of those accidents, 33 resulted in deaths, according to Japanese police officials. On Okinawa, 14 accidents with injuries, but no deaths, were caused by drivers using cellular telephones, according to Okinawa police officials.

Nicholson said the Okinawa police will use November as a time to

allow all drivers to become aware of the new law, but after that first-time offenders will receive fines of up to ¥9,000 for the average passenger car. He said drivers who violate the new law and have an accident will be held criminally liable and may even face jail time. Kadena officials are taking steps to adopt the same law on base. "The bottom line is: When you're operating a motor vehicle, concentrate on the road," said Nicholson. "The safest stretch of road needs to be the next mile in front of you."

BRIEFS

On the cover

Two F-15C Eagles assigned to Kadena's 12th Fighter Squadron fly over Sydney, Australia, Oct. 21. The flight was part of Crocodile 99, a Joint Chiefs of Staff-directed exercise conducted Oct. 6-21. Crocodile 99 was the last deployment from Kadena for the 12th FS. The pilots were Lt. Col. Tim "Tex" Merrell, 12th FS commander, and Lt. Col. Rick Tollini, 12th FS operations officer. (Photo by Neville Dawson)

CFC off and running

The 1999 Combined Federal Campaign has begun. Kadena contributors can view the progress of the drive by logging on at www.kadena.af.mil/current/cfc/index.htm. Unit awards also will be given out. Gold awards will be given to units achieving a level of a \$100 average contribution per contributor and 70 percent participation. Silver awards will be given to units achieving a \$75 average and 60 percent participation. Bronze awards will be given to units achieving a \$50 average and 50 percent participation.

Carnival closes streets

Various streets around Kadena's Gate 2 will close Saturday and Sunday due to events related to the Okinawa International Carnival in Okinawa City. All base visitors must be signed in at Gate 1. Street names and closure times are:

Saturday

- Gate 2 Street from China Pete area to Goya Four Corners — noon to 10 p.m.
- Gate 2 closed to all traffic — 4:30-7:30 p.m.
- Kuter Boulevard from Falcon Gym to Gate 2 for all traffic except residents of Kuter Boulevard dormitories — 4:30-7:30 p.m.
- Koza Shopping Street — 4-8 p.m.

Sunday

- Gate 2 Street from China Pete area to Goya Four Corners — 3-10 p.m.
- Two lanes on Highway 330 from Plaza Housing Area to Koza Four Corners — 3:30-7 p.m.
- Koza Shopping Street — 4-8 p.m.

MTI positions available

The 737th Training Group Recruit the Military Training Instructor Team will visit Kadena Monday at 9 a.m. in the Officer's Club. Senior airmen who will commit to a second term through master sergeant with less than 16 years total active service are eligible to apply.

AACA holds symposium

The African American Culture Association will conduct the first of a free four-part educational symposium Monday, 6-8 p.m. in the Banyan Tree Club Ballroom. For more information, call Nairobi Carodine at 733-1997.

Dental policy changes

The policy for receiving after-hours dental care has changed.

People normally treated under the 18th Dental Squadron must now call the Camp Foster Evans Dental Clinic at 645-7382 if they have a dental emergency.

Power outages

• There will be a power outage Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., in the North and Southwest sides of Kadena, including Clark Vista and FBIS housing areas, the Navy side, and buildings 100s, 200s, 400s, 700s, 1400s, 3400s, 3500s and 3600s.

• Another outage is scheduled Monday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., at Camp Shields and O'Donnell Garden areas.

For more information about either power outage, call Ike Hirayasu at 634-0803.

Kadena sends 400 to Foal Eagle '99

By Staff Sgt. Orville Desjarlais
Kadena Shogun editor

From teaching troops how to erect tents to undergoing a higher headquarters inspection, Foal Eagle '99 means different things to different people from Kadena who are participating in the exercise that started Tuesday and ends Nov. 5.

More than 400 Kadena members are joining the estimated 30,000 American and 500,000 Republic of Korea troops participating in Foal Eagle '99, an exercise designed to test rear-area protection operations and major command control and communications systems.

For the more than 100 members from the 18th Wing, that means providing support where needed, such as transportation and security forces.

For the 275 members of the 353rd Special Operations Group and 63 members of the 33rd Rescue Squadron, Foal Eagle '99 means joining their permanently-deployed units at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, and getting inspected during a Combat Employment Readiness Inspection. Their higher headquarters officials traditionally schedule CERIs with Foal Eagle exercise.

For instructors at Detachment 1, Pacific Air Forces Civil Engineer Squadron, the exercise meant having to teach others how to erect deployment tents for Foal Eagle '99. Before the exercise started, a 22-member team of instructors from Det. 1 deployed to Osan Oct. 1 to teach the 8th CES mobility contingency skills training unit how to operate from a deployed location.

"They have a high turnover rate, so once a year we sent a team there to prepare them for the exercise season," said Tech. Sgt. Dan Damato, Det. 1 NCO in charge. Their trip to Osan just happened to coincide with the start of Foal Eagle '99.

"There was an obvious learning curve for most of us at first," said Senior Airman John-Anthony Chavez, who works in the 8th Transportation Squadron's at Osan. "The last few tents were pretty easy to put up because we felt more comfortable. I volunteered for this because I like to help the Wolf Pack whenever I can."

For the rest of Foal Eagle '99 participants, the exercise is being held at a variety of locations throughout the ROK and will involve the majority of U.S. and ROK forces on the peninsula.

It will also provide hands-on field experience for forces of both nations.

Most exercise training sites are located well south of the Seoul metropolitan area, and certain training events include firing blank ammunition and night operations.

(Senior Airman Lee S. Smith, 8th Fighter Wing Public Affairs, contributed to this article)



Photo by Photo by Larry Miller

Family festival

A costume contest participant and his mother joined the many people who enjoyed the Families Fall Festival Saturday at Marek Park. In addition to the costume contest, the festival featured game booths, "The Adult Married Game" and a Tae Kwon Do exhibition.

Creating a rope of friendship

By Senior Airman Jennifer Dixon
Shogun associate editor

Twenty-four military people and family members volunteered to help make the rope used in this weekend's annual Okinawa International Carnival children's tug-of-war. It will be used by approximately 250 children and is made with spare time and lots of sweat from lots of volunteers.

They learned how to make the rope, which is about one and a half feet high and 115 and a half feet long, out of 300 coils of rope. The process was nearly as long.

It takes four days to make the rope. The first two days are spent making one rope — the 'male' part — and the second two are used to make the other rope — the 'female' part. Then, the day of the event, the ropes are attached to make one big rope.

The act of combining the "male" and "female" ropes is symbolic of reproduction, according to Seiei Gakiya, children's tug-of-war committee chairperson. Okinawans believe that by connecting the ropes, more children will be born.

Making one of these ropes is not easy. It takes a lot of money and a lot of people, according to Gakiya. He said approximately ¥300,000 was spent on materials for this year's rope and about 300 people volunteered to make them during the four days.

"The good thing about this year was that military members from Kadena volunteered to help make the ropes," Gakiya said. "It really surprised them how the ropes are made from smaller ropes tied together to make a bigger one. I hope more military members help next year."



(From left) TaMarion Walker, a Kadena High School sophomore; Hideki Sakihama, 18th Wing Public Affairs; Seiichi Shirota; Mitsuaki Ota; and Kengo Higa work together to tighten knots in a tug-of-war rope. Walker pounds on the knot with a mallet while the others pull it tight.

When making the rope, six small ropes 165 feet long are tied together. This is done 25 times. Then, the 25 bundles are laid out in a "U" so that the length becomes about 82 feet. The two sides are brought together and bundled to make something that looks like a large sewing needle. Once that is done, 10 small ropes are tied into the big rope. These hang off the side of the rope for the children to hold onto during the tug-of-war.

When the annual Children's Tug-of-War was started five years, the rope was only 8 inches in diameter. Over the years, the rope has gotten fatter. Gakiya hopes that next year the rope will be the same size as the one used for an adult tug-of-war, which is more than 3 and a half feet high and 264 feet long.

He also hopes that since next year is a new millennium they also will be able to have an adult tug-of-war. There hasn't been one in Okinawa City since 1995 because it costs more than ¥5 million to make.

This year, children from Kadena will pull against local Japanese children.

When it is over, pieces of the rope will be cut away for souvenir for the children and spectators. It is thought that a piece will bring good luck and fortune into the home.



Photos by Senior Airman Jennifer Dixon

(From left to right) Moritsugu Matayoshi, Yasushi Shinyashiki, Masahiro Yamauchi and Nobuhide Kaneshi, Okinawa City, struggle to carry the tug-of-war rope to be used in this weekend's Okinawa International Carnival.

1999 Okinawa International Carnival events schedule

Saturday

Opening ceremony in front of Ryukyu Bank on Gate 2 Street

1:30-2 p.m. — Opening Ceremony

1:35-2 p.m. — Misato Elementary School Children's Eisa dance performance

Children's Plaza in middle of Gate 2 Street

2-4 p.m. — 3-on-3 basketball game

2-4 p.m. — soccer shootout game

4-5 p.m. — children's games on Gate 2 Street near gate

4-4:15 p.m. — Matusmoto Children's Association Eisa dance performance

4:15-4:30 p.m. — Youth Association Eisa dance performance

4:35-4:50 p.m. — acrobatic ladder performance

4:50-5:05 p.m. — karate performance

5:05-6 p.m. — Children's Tug-of-War

Young Music Fest on stage in front of Ryukyu Bank on Gate 2 Street

3-5 p.m. — Young Music Fest band "Wild Turkey"

3:35-4 p.m. — Young Music Fest band "Bleach"

4:15-5 p.m. — Young Music Fest band "Pacific Trends"

7:30-8 p.m. — Young Music Fest band "Zillion Sonic"

8:15-9 p.m. — Young Music Fest band "Gandhi Band"

Ryukyu Kingdom Drummer's parade

6-7:30 p.m. — along Kuter Boulevard onto Gate 2 Street

Ryukyu chess demonstration

3-6 p.m. — Gate 2 Street near gate

Cultural Variety Show in Korniza Shopping Mall Ashibina Theater

4-5:35 p.m. — cultural entertainment

4:15-4:20 p.m. — Harvesting Rice dance

4:20-4:35 p.m. — Chibana Shisa dance

4:40-4:55 p.m. — Agenda Elementary School children's drum performance

5-5:15 p.m. — folk dance

5:15-5:20 p.m. — drum dance

5:40-6:10 p.m. — Young Talent Show part one

6:30-8 p.m. — Okinawa folk dance

8-9 p.m. — Miss Hibiscus Beauty Contest

8:30-8:50 p.m. — Young Talent Show part two

8:50-9 p.m. — award presentation for Beauty Contest winners

Bullfights

2-5 p.m. — Okinawa City Bullring

Sunday

Federation of Okinawa City Senior People's Club dance performance

4-4:20 p.m. — Gate 2 Street

Citizen's Costume parade

4-9 p.m. — Highway 330 and Gate 2 Street

7:50-8:50 p.m. — Youth Association Eisa dance performance on Gate 2 Street

8:50-9 p.m. — award presentation for parade contest winners on Gate 2 Street

Closing ceremony

9 p.m. — Gate 2 Street



Some NCOs may be involuntarily trained

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas (AFPN) — Some Air Force noncommissioned officers may find themselves involuntarily retraining next year, since the Air Force fell short of its retraining goal for fiscal 2000.

The voluntary phase of the fiscal 2000 NCO retraining program wrapped up Oct. 15 with 945 approved applications, 70 percent of the Air Force's goal.

The involuntary phase, which begins Nov. 1, will use an Air Force-wide vulnerability listing to identify

those selected for retraining based on total active federal military service dates between:

- Master sergeants: August 1982 or later
- Staff sergeants and technical sergeants: August 1984 or later
- Second-term senior airmen: August 1993 or later.

Vulnerable members will be rank ordered by grade, from most eligible to least eligible using the following criteria:

- TAFMSD: junior to senior (i.e., Jan. 1, 1990 before Jan. 1, 1989)

• Date arrived on station: longest to shortest (i.e., Jan. 1, 1989 before Jan. 1, 1990)

• Date of rank: junior to senior (i.e., Jan. 1, 1990 before Jan. 1, 1989)

Date arrived on station, then DOR will be used only if the TAFMSD of two or more individuals is identical. Individuals selected for involuntary retraining must submit a minimum of three, and up to five, Air Force specialty code preferences for which they qualify by Jan. 10.

Voluntary retraining applications for other personnel, including

first-term airmen, may continue to be processed by the MPFs and updated by MAJCOMs provided they meet retraining requirements.

All requests, including pending retraining actions, must be approved and finalized in the system by Jan. 14 to avoid involuntary AFSC selection by AFPC.

People who have further questions regarding the involuntary retraining program should contact their local military personnel flights. (Courtesy of Air Force Personnel Center News Service)

Chief of Staff Survey deadline extended

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas (AFPN) — The deadline for taking the Air Force Chief of Staff Survey has been extended to Nov. 12.

Officials said Oct. 26 the need to collect as much data as possible was paramount to the success of the survey. That said, the success of gathering information through the use of

the World Wide Web and the CSAF Survey's Web site has been unprecedented, according to one official.

"The turnout has been amazing," said Capt. Pete Berg, CSAF Survey team. "In the first five days, we had 50,000 people turn in a sur-

vey via the Web. And these were people who persevered through some initial difficulty we had. It's a testament to people wanting to make positive change."

The Web-based portion of the survey is located at <http://csafsurvey.randolph.af.mil>

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squadron will split its time between being the aggressors and the defenders. Part of their time will be spent protecting an Australian Defence Force ship from attackers and the other part as the attackers targeting the ship.

"This was a unique training opportunity for us," Prescott said. "We rarely have a chance to train with an eight-ship package at Kadena."

Prescott said the training is similar to that gained during Red Flag in Nevada, but better. During Red Flag, the pilots receive two weeks of primarily offensive counter air exercises while Crocodile offers extensive training in both offensive and defensive counter air.

Both types of training are critical to Kadena pilots whose main mission is primarily defensive.

As they did throughout the exercise, the pilots learned they were more alike than different and the exercise offered valuable lessons for everyone.

"We train in very similar ways, so we integrate fairly well" said RAAF Squadron Leader Chuck Chatwood, 81 Wing F/A-18 pilot.

"The only sticky spot is language and I think we have a better time of it than you Americans. We've been bombarded with American television programs, so we're fairly comfortable with the way you speak. But Americans haven't had as much exposure to the Australian accent and we tend to speak faster. This exercise has given us a

chance to practice communication as well as our flying skills."

For other Aussie pilots, the exercise also offered a rare glimpse into the inner workings of another Air Force.

"We don't get much chance to work with other aircraft types and this gives us the opportunity to see how other forces do business and gain a little insight into how pilots from a large air force think," said Flight Lt. Gary Skilton, RAAF No. 3 Squadron. "We're really not all that different."

For the Kadena pilots, the exercise offered an opportunity to practice their skills against unfamiliar pilots, just as they would in a real conflict.



Photo by Master Sgt. Stephanie Doner

12th Fighter squadron F-15 maintainers work on their aircraft while an AWACs aircraft sits in the background.

"We might get some other pilots in for a week and train together two or three times before they leave, but mostly we train among ourselves. Flying like this with dissimilar aircraft and foreign crews teaches you not to rely on the same tricks. What works against a fellow F-15 pilot might not work with a different aircraft type. That's a valuable lesson to learn while it's just training," said Lt. Col. Tex Merrell, 18th AEG commander.

"The training here has been great," said Lt. Col. Jim Pillar. "At Kadena, we have other training constraints that we don't have here. Also, it's hard to get adversaries. We can do LFEs with the 44th and the 67th Fighter Squadrons, but it can be very difficult to schedule time between our deployments and theirs. We are seldom all home at the same time. To come here and have eight days of nothing but LFEs is just fantastic."

Both sides declare this first Crocodile exercise a resounding success.

"We have achieved all our mission goals," said Wing Commander Geoff Brown, No. 3 Squadron commander. "While we train in a similar fashion, there are minor differences, mainly in communication. Coalition warfare means sorting out those differences and discovering what we need to adjust to work together smoothly. That's what this exercise was all about - making sure we that should the time come when we must fight together in a composite force. After this exercise, I am quite confident we can do just that."

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HALLOWEEN

Tips to keep this holiday safe and fun

By Senior Airman Jennifer Dixon
Shogun associate editor

Halloween means many things to many people, but the most common is dressing up in "scary" costumes and going around to neighborhood houses "trick-or-treating."

To promote a safe and happy Halloween for everyone on Kadena, the 18th Security Forces Squadron crime prevention section and the 18th Wing safety office have come up with these tips.

General

- 🎃 "Trick-or-treating" hours are 6-8 p.m.
- 🎃 Families who want children to come to their houses for treats must leave the porch light on. Parents should remind their children not to go to unlit houses or dark or secluded areas, no matter how "scary" they might seem.
- 🎃 Younger children should always be accompanied by adults or responsible, older siblings.
- 🎃 Everyone must carry a flashlight or "glow stick" while out, especially once it gets dark.
- 🎃 Stay on the sidewalks at all times when going from house to house, and cross the streets at designated crosswalks only.
- 🎃 Children should travel in groups of three or more. There is safety in groups.
- 🎃 People driving through the housing areas must proceed slowly and be on the lookout for children crossing the streets.

Costumes

- 🦋 Ensure all costumes are flame-retardant. That is the best way to reduce the risk of an accident with a jack-o-lantern candle.
- 🦋 Don't wear "dragging" cos-

tumes. Costumes that are too long and drag on the ground can be a tripping hazard to the child wearing the costume as well as others in the group.

- 🦋 Costumes should allow for adequate ventilation and agility.
- 🦋 Light-colored reflective costumes are suggested for all trick-or-treaters or reflective tape or belts should be attached to dark costumes.
- 🦋 Wear makeup instead of a mask when possible. Masks may obstruct a child's vision and can be uncomfortable. Children of all ages should have an unobstructed view when wearing wigs, veils, hats and other such items.
- 🦋 If a costume includes a prop — toy swords, knives, guns, etc. — make sure they are made of plastic or a flexible material. If they aren't, don't use them. Hard props could cause serious injuries.

Treats

- 🎃 Children should not eat the treats they collect while out. A good way for parents to avoid snacking is by giving their child a meal or snack before going out or something to take along to eat instead.
- 🎃 Children should only accept treats that are in their original, individual wrapper. They should not accept homemade or rewrapped treats. If accepted, parents should throw them away.
- 🎃 Parents can bring their children's treats to the Air Mobility Command terminal baggage line from 7-9:30 p.m. Oct. 31. The 633rd Air Mobility Support Squadron will be X-raying the treats.

By following these tips, Halloween should be safe and fun for everyone.



Keeping with tradition

Since Halloween falls on a Sunday this year, some base residents have objected due to religious reasons to having trick or treaters out that night.

After careful consideration, base officials decided to keep the tradition of Halloween trick or treating on the traditional day it is practiced — Oct. 31.

Not everyone participates in this ancient custom and it is not considered a religious event.

With other on-base activities occurring the day before Halloween requiring support from many base people, and based on management factors, officials decided it was best to allow trick or treaters on Sunday from 6-8 p.m.

Halloween Events

The following is a list of events happening on Okinawa this Halloween:

Tours

Oct. 30: Haunted Sites Tour — Kadena ITT — 7-10 p.m. — \$10 per adult, \$5 per child

Oct. 31: Haunted Sites Tour — Kadena ITT — 7-10 p.m. — \$10 per adult, \$5 per child

Gatherings

Oct. 29-30: Spooky Story Time — Kadena Library — 5-6 p.m. — for children 3 years old to third grade — 632-1502 for more information

Oct. 29-30: Dracula: The Musical? — Kadena High School Theater — 7:30 p.m. — \$3 per person

Oct. 29-31: Haunted House — 18th Maintenance Squadron — 6-11 p.m. — \$3 per person — located in the Military Clothing Sales store parking lot on the corner of Davis Avenue and Kuter Boulevard

Oct. 30: Okuma Trick or Treat Party — starts at 3:30 p.m. — Trick or Treating at 4 p.m., followed by costume contest in Waverunner Lounge — 10 percent off kid's meals in Surfside Restaurant for those in costume — 5-9 p.m. — free — 632-4FUN for more information

Oct. 30: Halloween All-Nighter — Okuma Waverunner Lounge — 8 p.m. to 3 a.m. — free breakfast at midnight — free — 632-4FUN for more information

Oct. 30-31: 18th MUNS Haunted Castle — during Okinawa International Festival — noon to 10 p.m. — set up across from main stage on Park Avenue — \$4 or ¥400 per person

Officers Club

Oct. 27: Kid's Night — 4-6 p.m. — show off your scariest costume and meet "Magicman" — free buffet including cake and ice cream — open to Officers Club members only

Oct. 30: Halloween Party — Weekender Lounge — 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. — prizes awarded for best costume; \$150 for first place, \$75 for second place and \$50 for third place; free giveaways and vendor prizes all night

Rocker NCO Club

Oct. 30: Howling Halloween Party — Lounge — 8 p.m. to 3 a.m. — \$200 first place, \$50 second place for Most Creative Costume, Male in Best Costume and Female in Best Costume; \$400 first place, \$100 second place for Male and Female Couple in Best Costume

Banyan Tree Club

Oct. 30: Haunted Halloween Bash All-Nighter — Ballroom and Lounge — 8 p.m. to 5 a.m. — first and second place prizes for Best Male Costume, Best Female Costume, Best Male and Female Couple Costumes and Best B-Movie Scream

Sales

Oct. 29-31: The Great Pumpkin Sale — Kadena Arts and Crafts Center — 20 percent off all black and orange merchandise

Okinawa Happenings

Off-Base

Exhibitions

Through January: *Battle of Okiawa Pictures Exhibition* — Sakima Art Museum — 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. — closed Tuesdays — ¥700 per adult, ¥500 per junior and senior high school students, ¥300 per elementary school student, under 5 enter free — 893-5737 for more information
Through Nov. 1: *Japan and Holland Pictures Exchange Exhibition* — Ryubo Department Store seventh floor — 10:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. — free
Oct. 30: *Chinese Acrobats Performance* — Okinawa Civic Hall — 6-8:30 p.m. — ¥3,000 — 867-1760 for more information
Oct. 31: *Bullfighting* — Ishikawa Bullring — 1 p.m. — ¥2,500
Nov. 1-7: *Bingata Exhibition by Sachiko Nishinda* — Shikinaen Garden in Naha — 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. — ¥300 per adult, ¥100 per child
Nov. 2-23: *Exhibition of Flowers* — Urasoe City Art Museum — 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. — ¥800 per adult, ¥600 per junior and senior high school students, ¥400 per elementary school student — last admission at 4:30 p.m. — closed Oct. 8, 15 — 860-2055 for more information
Nov. 6: *Bullfighting* — Yomitan Sobe Bullring — 2 p.m. — free
Nov. 7: *Bullfighting* — Nakijin Bullring — 1 p.m. — ¥2,500

Festivals/Fairs

Through Oct. 31: *Steak and Seafood Fair* — Boston Club — 2-11 p.m. — ¥4,000 per person — 936-6161 for more information
Through Oct. 31: *Jewelry Fair* — Ryubo Department Store seventh floor — 10:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. — 867-1171 for more information
Oct. 30-31: *Okinawa City International Carnival* — Kadena Gate 2 Street and surrounding area — Oct. 30 at 1:30 p.m., Oct. 31 at 4 p.m. — children's tug of war, eisa performance, Miss Hibiscus beauty pageant, fireworks and more — 938-8022 for more information
Nov. 6: *EM Festa '99* — Okinawa Convention Center — 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. — free
Nov. 7: *The 12th Townsfolk Music Festival* — Sugar Hall — 3 p.m. — ¥500 — 947-1100 for more information

Dining/Shows

Through Nov. 30: *Samantha and Darling Stevens Family Cinema Dinner* — Harborview Hotel — 5-9:30 p.m. — ¥8,000 — reservations required — 853-2111 for more information
Through Mar. 31, 2000: *Hawaiian Night Asian buffet and dinner show* — Renaissance Hotel — shows every night at 5:30 and 8:30 p.m. except Tuesdays — ¥5,250 in advance, ¥6,006 at the door, half price for children under 12
Nov. 1 through Dec. 25: *Italian Christmas dinner* — Renaissance Hotel Restaurant Four Season — 6-10:30 p.m. — ¥9,000
Nov. 1 through Dec. 25: *Hong Kong Christmas dinner* — Coco Garden Resort Hotel — 5:30-10 p.m. — ¥3,500

Dance/Music

Oct. 30: *The Annual European Music Concert* — Kadena Culture Center — 6-8 p.m. — ¥1,500 — 831-5000 for more information
Nov. 2: *Ryukyuan dance performance* — Okinawa Prefectural Folk Theater — 8 p.m. — ¥2,500
Nov. 3: *Musashino Music School Concert* — Sugar Hall — 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., 1:30-5 p.m. — free — 946-7000 for more information
Nov. 7: *The 8th Cattleya Music School Autumn Concert* — Pallet Folk Theater — 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. — free — 863-5217 for more information
Nov. 9: *Ryukyuan dance performance* — Okinawa Prefectural Folk Theater — 8 p.m. — ¥2,500
Nov. 12: *Maria Howell Music Concert* — Pallet Folk Theater — 7-9 p.m. — ¥3,000 — 898-1331 for more information
Nov. 16: *Phillippe Giusiano Piano Recital* — Okinawa Convention Center — 6:30-9 p.m. — advance tickets ¥5,000, ¥4,500, ¥4,000 or ¥3,000, prices increase ¥500 day of event — tickets available at Shima Piano Center and Teruya Music store — 860-1990 for more information
Nov. 16: *Ryukyuan dance performance* — Okinawa Prefectural Folk Theater — 8 p.m. — ¥2,500
Nov. 14: *Islandwide Bullfighting* — noon — ¥3,000

Tours

Daily: *Semi-submersible Boat Tour* — Kadena ITT — 8 boats daily, 50-minute tours — ¥3,500 per adult, ¥1,750 per child boarding charge — meal packages available at extra cost — tickets must be reserved
Oct. 30: *Shuri Castle and Ryukyu Kingdom* — Kadena ITT — 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. — \$22 per adult, \$18 per child
Oct. 31: *Naha Shopping* — Kadena ITT — 2-7 p.m. — \$15 per adult, \$10 per child
Nov. 3: *Shuri Cultural Festival* — Kadena ITT — 3:30-9:30 p.m. — \$22 per adult, \$18 per adult
Nov. 6: *Shuri Cultural Festival and Bingata Exhibition* — Kadena ITT — 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. — \$25 per adult, \$20 per child
Nov. 7: *Yomitan Festival* — Kadena ITT — 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. — \$15 per adult, \$10 per child
Nov. 12: *Urashima Dinner Theater* — Kadena ITT — 5:30-10 p.m. — \$55 per adult, \$28 per child
Nov. 13: *Battle of Okinawa* — Kadena ITT — 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. — \$25 per adult, \$20 per child
Nov. 14: *Ie Island Day* — Kadena ITT — 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. — \$30 per adult, \$20 per child

International tours

Nov. 24-27: *Hong Kong* — Kadena ITT
Nov. 24-27: *Bangkok* — Kadena ITT
Nov. 25-29: *Kyoto* — Kadena ITT
Dec. 26 through Jan. 3: *The Millennium in Bali* — Kadena ITT

On-Base

Officers Club

Nov. 2: *Turkey To-Go dinners* — orders accepted Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the customer service desk — \$49.95 — includes a 20-22 pound turkey, dressing, gravy, sweet potatoes, cranberry sauce and pumpkin pie — limited to first 100 orders — open to Officers Club members only — pick up orders Nov. 24

The following is a commonly used list of telephone numbers for this week's off duty activities:
Schilling Community Activities Center 634-1387
Kadena Family Support Center 634-3366
Kadena Information, Tickets and Tours 634-4322
Kadena Arts and Crafts Center 634-1666
Kadena Base Library 634-1502
Kadena American Red Cross 634-1979
Banyan Tree Club 634-0644
Rocker NCO Club 634-0740
Officer's Club 632-6071
Busena Terrace Resort Hotel 098-051-1333
Southeast Botanical Garden 939-2555
Renaissance Hotel 965-0707
Mitsukoshi Department Store 869-4115
Ryubo Department Store 867-1171
Bullfighting 857-0185
Prefectural Folk Theater 866-2341

Nov. 4: *Elvis Impersonator* — Weekender Lounge — 7:30 a.m. to 10:15 p.m. — open to Officers Club members 20 years and older
Nov. 11: *Veteran's Day Holiday hours* — cashier's cage 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. — Pizza Room 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. — Weekender Lounge 4-11 p.m. — Slot Room 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Rocker NCO Club

Nov. 1-23: *Thanksgiving Meals To-Go* — orders accepted at the customer service area, must be paid in full at time of order — \$54.95 — includes 22-24 pound turkey, cornbread dressing, gravy, cranberry sauce, dinner rolls and pumpkin pie — \$59.95 — includes 15-17 pound smoked ham instead of turkey — limited number of orders accepted — pick up orders Nov. 23
Nov. 10: *"Spyro Gyra"* — Ballroom — 10 p.m. — \$15 per club member, \$25 per non-club member — tickets available starting Nov. 1 to NCO Club and Banyan Tree Club members 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. at the customer service counter, starting Nov. 5 to Officers Club members and starting Nov. 11 to non-service, SOFA-status people at \$25 each — limit of two tickets per membership account
Nov. 11: *Veteran's Day Special* — Dining Room — veterans receive 10 percent discount on meals
Nov. 12, 26: *All Night Party* — Lounge — variety music — 5 p.m. to 3 a.m. — Ballroom — Rythm and Blues and Urban music mix — 10:30 p.m. to 5 a.m. — breakfast available in Dining Room at 3 a.m.

Banyan Tree Club

Nov. 1-23: *Pumpkin Pier for the Holidays* — \$5.50
Nov. 1-23: *Thanksgiving Dinner at Home* — orders accepted at the cashier's cage, paid in full at time of order — \$40 — includes 12-14 pound turkey, cornbread dressing, gravy, cranberry sauce, dinner rolls and pumpkin pie — limited number of orders — pick up orders Nov. 25, 6-10 a.m.
Nov. 12, 26: *Countdown to 2000* — Lounge — 80's Trivia — all participants entered in drawing to be held at end of month
Nov. 13: *80's All Night Dance Party* — until 5 a.m.

Gatherings

Mondays: *George Frederick Handel's "Messiah" practice* — Professor Bien Panganiban's Ecumenical Chorale — 7-9 p.m. — auditions required for soloists — concert set for early December — 645-8432 for more information



Beautiful Arrangements

Learn Japanese flower arranging, Ikebana, through the Kadena Arts and Crafts Center Tuesdays 5-7 p.m. and Wednesdays 4-6 p.m. Everyone must register before class.

Fridays and Saturdays: *Country and Western night* — Schilling Community Activities Center — 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. — 634-6981 for more information
Nov. 1: *Okinawa International Women's Club Luncheon* — Harborview Hotel in Naha — 637-4081 or 646-8024 for more information
Nov. 1-30: *Christmas Card Lane* — Schilling Community Activities Center — have 4x8 foot greeting card displayed on Christmas Card Lane — prizes awarded for first, second and third place winners — winners announced Dec. 3 at Tree Lighting Ceremony
Nov. 5: *Okuma log cabins open* — 14 log cabins available to reserve — \$10 per night — one double bed and one set of bunk beds, no water or electricity in cabin — water spigot available and certain lanterns approved for use — 632-4FUN, 634-9877/9869 for more information
Nov. 7: *Air Force Worldwide Talent Contest 2000* — Schilling Community Activities Center — 80-90 entertainers and 12-15 technicians will be selected by the Headquarters Air Force Service Agency to attend the worldwide competition Jan. 14-22 and to identify people to tour with "Tops In Blue" — applications must be submitted by individual or by base services squadron to be considered for competition

Sales

Nov.1-6: *Election Week Sale* — Kadena Arts and Crafts Center — receive 15 percent off custom framing

Classes

Tuesdays
• *Framing and Matting* — Kadena Arts and Crafts Center — 9:15 a.m. to noon
• *Beginning Ceramics* — Kadena Arts and Crafts Center — 6-8:30 p.m.
• *Rubber Stamping* — Kadena Arts and Crafts Center — 6-8 p.m.
• *Tole Painting* — Kadena Arts and Crafts Center — 6-8 p.m.
• *Advanced Drawing* — Kadena Arts and Crafts Center — 6-8 p.m.
• *Frame Update* — Kadena Arts and Crafts Center — 9:15 a.m. to noon
Wednesdays
• *Bonsai* — miniature trees — Kadena Arts and Crafts Center — 6-8 p.m. — must register before class
• *Beginning Pottery* — Kadena Arts and Crafts Center — 5-7 p.m.
• *Washi Paper and Kime Komi* — Obi, Japanese dolls, Ochi-e pictures, decorative boxes and eggs — Kadena Arts and Crafts Center — 6-8 p.m. — must register before class

Chapel

Catholic		Jewish	
<i>Saturday</i> Confessions — 4 p.m. — Chapel 1 Mass — 5 p.m. — Chapel 1	Base Theater General Protestant Service — 10:30 a.m. — Chapel 1 Liturgical Service — 10:30 a.m. — Chapel 2 Gospel Service — noon — Chapel 1	<i>Friday</i> Shabbat Service — 7:15 p.m. — Camp Foster Chapel	
<i>Sunday</i> Mass — 8:45 a.m. — Chapel 1 Mass — 12:15 p.m. — Chapel 2 Mass — 5 p.m. — Chapel 1	Eastern Othodox <i>Saturday</i> Vespers — 5 p.m. — Camp Foster St. Nicholas Chapel	<i>Sunday</i> Religious Education — 9:30 a.m. — Camp Foster Credo Center	
Protestant <i>Sunday</i> Inspirational Service — 9 a.m. — Chapel 2 Evangelical Service — 10:24 a.m. —	<i>Sunday</i> Divine Liturgy — 9:30 a.m. — Camp Foster St. Nicholas Chapel For more information, call 645-7486.	For more information, call Chaplain Mitchell Schranz at 637-1027.	Islamic For more information, Gunnery Sgt. Hefis Camp at 637-2167/2164.

MOVIES

KEYSTONE, 634-1869

Tonight: "Mystery, Alaska," R
Saturday: "The Iron Giant," PG, and "Mystery, Alaska," R
Sunday: "The Iron Giant," PG, and "Detroit Rock City," R
Monday: "Fight Club," R
Tuesday: "Detroit Rock City," R
Wednesday: "Mystery Men," R
Thursday: "Three Kings," R
Nov. 5: "Three Kings," R

Movie schedules are supplied by the Army and Air Force Exchange Service. Patrons should call the theater to verify movie titles, ratings, and running and start times.

BUTLER, 645-3465

Tonight: "Three Kings," R
Saturday: "Mystery Men," PG-13, and "Three Kings," R
Sunday: "Brokedown Palace," PG-13, and "The Thomas Crown Affair," R
Monday: "The Thomas Crown Affair," R
Tuesday: "Brokedown Palace," R
Wednesday: "Runaway Bride," PG
Thursday: "Fight Club," R
Nov. 5: "Fight Club," R

VIDEOS

New video releases available each Tuesday at the base video stores. Because of shipping, release dates may vary.

Nov. 2	
"Big Daddy"	"Jack Frost"
Nov. 9	
"Black and White"	"Notting Hill"
"Break Up"	"Resurrection"
"Heaven"	"Shark Attack"
"I'll Be Home for Christmas"	"Trekkies"
"Life is Beautiful"	

LEFT: Kadena Yacht Club boats, Remedy, left; and Knighthawk, compete in the first club race Sunday. RIGHT: Knighthawk and crew cut through the big waves and eventually placed fourth.



Photos by Lisa OtteMiller

Kadena Yacht Club has first islandwide sailboat race

By Staff Sgt. Orville Desjarlais
Kadena Shogun editor

A dozen sailboat crews rode the winds and waves off the shore beyond the Sunabe Sea Wall during the first Kadena Yacht Club international sailing race held Sunday.

The six-foot swells created by 20-foot winds didn't deter sailboat enthusiasts from Okinawa, New Zealand and America.

Called a sailing regatta, the race started and ended off the coast of Ginowan, located south of Kadena. The 11-mile course took most participants four hours.

The overall winner was an

Okinawan boat named Sasbia 3. A Kadena Yacht Club boat, Remedy, placed second; an Okinawan boat named Santana, took third; while another member of the Kadena Yacht Club, the Knighthawk, placed fourth. The Nippon Ocean Racing Club sanctioned the Kadena race, which means winners earned points in a year-long contest in December that will name the best sailboat racer on Okinawa.

However, for the crew of the Sea Tulip, a Kadena Marina rental sailboat, just competing in the race was the greatest reward.

Having just completed Kadena Marina sailing classes in March, Michelle Metzger rented an 18-foot



sailboat from the marina and entered it in the race. It was the smallest boat in the contest.

"Some of the smaller boats had a tough time out there because of the winds and the rain," said Ben Miller, Kadena Yacht club vice commodore.

When the weather started getting rough, the tiny ship was tossed; if not for the courage of the fearless crew, the Sea Tulip would have lost. However, it came in second in its class.

"There were some big winds out there," said Metzger, captain of the ship and a captain in the 18th Medical Group. "We got overpowered quite a few times because we had no weight

and gusty winds, which nearly cap-sized us a couple times if not for my great crew."

If given the chance, Metzger would do it again.

"Sailing is challenging because you have to know a lot about winds, wind direction, waves, the the sea. You have to be in tune with what's going on."

The Kadena Yacht Club plans to sponsor two races a year; the next one has yet to be determined. Next month they plan on having a fishing tournament.

For more information about the Kadena Yacht Club, call Rich Clark at 956-7817.



Photo by Airman 1st Class Denise Berdar

Triathletes swim five laps to begin the Kadena Triathlon.

Base triathlon draws 60 athletes

About 60 athletes ran, swam and biked during Saturday's triathlon on Kadena. Organizers say it was a success. It began at 6 a.m. at the Kadena High School pool and ended at Kenney Park. Competitors swam five laps, biked 25 kilometers and finished with a 10-kilometer run.

Winners are as follows:

Overall winners
Leslie Shiozawa with 1:34:36

Steven Hazleft with 1:19:18
Ages 18-25 — male category
1st — Yoshi Awa with 1:23:25
2nd — Shoo Kinjo with 1:27:48
3rd — Hiraide Ryuichi with 1:29:51
Ages 18-25 — female category
1st — Leslie Shiozawa with 1:34:36
2nd — Stacie Frickey with 2:12:26
Ages 26-30 — male category
1st — John Beitler with 1:21:32
2nd — Dan Bourdaghs with 1:26:18
3rd — Jason Koehler with 1:29:54
Ages 26-30 — female category
1st — Alicia Guth with 1:54:37
2nd — Rika Uezu with 2:09:06
Ages 31-35 — male category
1st — Steven Hazleft with 1:19:18
2nd — David Hsu with 1:30:48
3rd — Brian Tharp with 1:34:56

Ages 31-35 — female category
1st — Christine Caneva with 1:35:23
2nd — Gwendolyn Barr with 1:44:18
3rd — Hiroko Thira with 1:48:47
Ages 36-39 — male category
1st — Chris Racek with 1:33:23
2nd — Robert Reed with 1:34:41
3rd — Kevin Mitts with 1:41:00
Ages 40-49 — male category
1st — Pablo Thira with 1:32:04
2nd — Michael Voris with 1:35:07
3rd — James Reistrup with 1:39:59
Ages 40-49 — female category
1st — Machiko Kingio with 2:05:18
2nd — Hiroko Yamashiro with 2:09:56
3rd — Na Eunkyung with 2:14:49
Ages 50+ — female category
1st — Yuriko Gushi with 2:10:30
2nd — Michiko Oshiro with 2:19:48

BRIEFS

Thanksgiving tennis tournament

Sign-ups are being accepted for a Thanksgiving doubles tennis tournament here. The cost is \$30 per team. The sign-up deadline for divisions C and D is Nov. 8, while the sign-up deadline for divisions A and B are Nov. 15. Divisions C and D will play Nov. 13 and 14. Division A and B will play Nov. 20 and 21. Start time is 9 a.m.

Racquetball tournament Nov. 11-14

A Veteran's Day racquetball doubles tournament is slated Nov. 11-14 at the Risner Fitness Center. The tournament is open to players islandwide. There are two categories — novice and

open. The fee is \$25 per team. The deadline entry is Nov. 4. A players' meeting is set for 5:30 p.m., Nov. 10, in the Kadena tennis shop. For more information, call 634-1128/3450.

Tour De Okinawa nears

The 1999 Tour De Okinawa bicycle road race and bicycle road tour is being held Nov. 12, 13 and 14 in Nago. There are 13 categories, with entry fees ranging from ¥5,000 to ¥15,000. Application forms and a list of fees and categories are available at the Falcon Fitness Center. Applicants must pay in yen. Participants are asked to keep entry fees until a day before the race and copy all the application forms. Registration cards are available at Nago City Hall. For more information, call 634-1128.

Parent and Teen Workout

Sign up at the Teen Center Millennium Fitness Center to bring your parent in for a workout. Burn away the calories on the bikes, treadmills, cross-trainers or nautilus equipment. Parent and Teen Workouts nights are Tuesday and Nov. 23, 6-8 p.m. Refreshments will be served. Call 634-3866 for details.

Racquetball tournament

All services are invited to participate in the Falcon Fitness Centers Killshot Racquetball Tournament. Cost is \$25 per team. The program offers double-elimination, doubles play with two categories. For information, call 634-1128.

Stearley Heights

Emphasizing a global education

By Charles K. Steitz
Shogun volunteer

The mission of Stearley Height Elementary School is simple - provide a world-class educational program that inspires and prepares students for success in a dynamic global environment. The school staff does this by emphasizing interaction between American and Japanese schools.

What makes the school unique is its ability to develop and coordinate numerous educational activities along with special events with a number of sister-like schools throughout Okinawa. Schools like Makiminato Elementary School, Jyo Gaku Elementary School, Ryukyu University "Matched" Elementary School and Tomiya Elementary School serve as additional resources for learning and interaction between American and Japanese children.

"Our efforts are designed to make our school the very best and to build support from the community. Educating our children is a global issue. By offering interaction with several schools on island, we hope to build civic and community pride and support for education," said Joe Masters, who has been with the Department of Defense Dependent Schools for 21 years and became assistant principal this year.

Under the direction and leadership of Van Dale Furusho, SHES principal, students are given the opportunity to learn much more about their host nation through social interaction. "Living overseas

provides these young students with a unique opportunity to gain knowledge about cultural diversity, social responsibility, and human interactions," Furusho said. "We try and foster relationships both inside and outside the classroom to facilitate a better understanding and appreciation of the Japanese culture, and the heritage of people living in Okinawa. By conducting and coordinating activities with other elementary schools, we enable our students to interact and experience the traditions of this culture with students their own age," said Furusho, who became principal only two years ago, but who has lived on Okinawa for more than 23 years.

Betty Bailey, a first grade teacher and a 12-year veteran with the DoDDS, said, "Students even in the first grade can understand the differences and the common issues that impact the lives of people living in different locations. However, students in grades fourth, fifth, and sixth have a greater capacity to appreciate global issues like the environment, health, security, and politics. By providing this opportunity, children receive a multicultural educational experience that encourages them to reflect, analyze, and compare their role within the community and the world."

With an emphasis on academics, teachers can use these experiences as tools to discuss and identify commonalities and differences among cultures. Issues like identifying the reasons why people live in different geographical locations, or examining the



Courtesy photo

Elise Price, second from left, a Reading Recovery teacher, shows a parent and his children reading games during a recent Family Reading Night.

cultural aspects of music, education, art, and religion are just some of the ingredients used to enhance a students' education at SHES.

Coupled with the DoDDS curriculum standards and instructional strategies are special events like the Primary Family Reading and Math Nights, and Taiko Drummers as well as after-school activities such as; art club, young astronauts, drama and chorus club, broadcast club, homework club, student council, young athletes club, safety patrol, and the roller-skating and gardening club, all of which serve to enhance educational opportunities for academic achievement at SHES.

The planning, execution, and deployment of the various programs and educational initiatives to fulfill the mission are an on-going challenge. Supported by the 67 members of the faculty, SHES provides a rich, culturally diverse, educational environment.

Professional women share insights with Kadena seniors

By Cheryl Aeillo
Kadena High School co-advisor

Education, career fields, lifestyle desires, values, and self-esteem - these were just a few of the topics discussed during an informal get together between students and mentors at the home of Janet Smith, wife of 18th Wing Commander, Brig. Gen. James B. Smith, Oct. 22.

The young women of Kadena High School's senior class spent an afternoon engaged in an open forum discussion with 20 military and civilian spouses representing the leading women managers, executives, and professionals on island.

On hand were physicians, dentists, veterinarians, psychologists, engineers, educators, pilots, lawyers, dietitians, public relations executives, and media broadcast journalists. Students went from room to room and sought advice from professionals who had taken time from their schedules to answer questions about their careers.

Students returned to KHS understanding much more about selecting a professional career after acquiring knowledge relating to the educational requirements as well as the time and dedication necessary to be a leader within a particular industry.

Not all of the students knew ex-

actly which career path they wanted to follow, but many gained additional insight into understanding the complexities of business in both the pri-

vate and public sectors. Most agreed that three most common characteristics of success were hard work, determination, and a desire to succeed.



Photo by Senior Airman Denise Berdar

First Lt. Diane Benavidez, 18th Support Group executive officer, answers questions about her experiences in the military and other topics from a couple of Kadena High School seniors. Benavidez was one of 20 military and civilian spouses who volunteered to speak with the female high school seniors at the home of Dr. Janet and Brig. Gen. James B. Smith, 18th Wing commander.

BRIEFS

The following activities are all offered through and held at the Kadena Youth Center. Call 634-0500 for more information about any of these announcements.

- **Homework** can be a daunting task for any child. Power Hour offers children ages 5 to 13 an opportunity to earn Power Points while doing homework. The free program is held Monday through Friday, 4:30-5:30 p.m. During this time, a staff member is available to help children with their homework. Children under 9 years old must be signed in and out by a parent or guardian.

- **Young artists** may enjoy making a craft project every Monday through Friday, 3:30-4:30 p.m. This

free program offers a wide variety of projects such as stamp art, paper mache, tole painting, beading key chains and much more. Children ages 5-8 must be signed in and out by a parent or guardian.

- **Children can stay physically fit** through free high-energy activities during Nike Play held Monday through Friday, 5-6 p.m. Children under age 9 must be signed in and out by a parent or guardian.

- Come show your talent or just come to enjoy the **Karaoke show**. Youth ages 9-13 can choose from a variety of music to sing the third Friday of each month, 7-10 p.m. Kids under 9 are welcome with their parents. Cost is \$1 for members, \$3 for non-members.

- Five- to 10-year-olds can enjoy a **night out at the movies** complete with Disney movies, trivia and prizes. This event takes place the fourth Saturday of the month, 6:30-9 p.m. Cost is \$1 for members, \$2 for non-members.

- Join us for a **night of dancing, games, prizes and refreshments** during our Friday night dance party 7-9 p.m., held the first Friday of each month. Interactive dancing like the hokey pokey and macarena, and games like bean bag and ring tosses, are available for everyone's enjoyment. Kids ages 5-8 also are invited. Although parents are welcome, parental supervision is not required. The fee is \$1 for members, \$2 for non-members.

- Youth ages 9-13 can learn to

create a video, incorporate two videos into one and add music into video for free with the **Cinematography Club**. The club meets 5-6 p.m., the third Tuesday of each month through May.

- The **Photography Club** meets 5-6 p.m., the first Tuesday of each month through May 2. The Kadena Youth Center will supply the 35mm camera and film. You will learn how to choose your shot, frame your subject and focus the camera. Nine- to 13-year-olds can sign up for this free club.

- Children can try their own hands at **being a real disk jockey** when they join the free DJ Club. It meets the second Tuesday of each month through May, 5-6 p.m. Come learn to mix of music.